

BOTTS RESIGNS AS PURCHASING AGENT FOR CITY

After Working for Nine Months
Establishing Department,
He Will Practice Law

Having served for nine months in the establishment of a purchasing system for the city and county, E. J. Botts, city purchasing agent, this morning sprung a surprise upon those who follow municipal matters by handing in his resignation to Mayor John C. Lane.

Botts recently passed the bar examination for the territory and will enter the legal profession some time soon after his resignation takes effect, which is on November 1.

"Nothing whatever save the desire to enter the practice of law has induced me to leave the purchasing office," says Mr. Botts, "and I have made no definite plans."

Mayor Lane, when seen in regard to Mr. Botts' resignation, said that the news had come as a complete surprise to him. "My first thought," says the mayor, "is to ask for a reconsideration of the matter by Mr. Botts. I shall take the matter up with the members of the board, however."

"I regret exceedingly to lose the services of Mr. Botts in the purchasing department," continued the mayor. "He has been at all times honest, efficient and sincere. The place has been hard to fill and it seems to me that he has been just the man for it. At present I have no one in view for the vacancy, if Mr. Botts insists on leaving."

In turning in his resignation, Botts wrote to the mayor as follows:

Resigns With Regret.

"I must place before you my resignation as purchasing agent and secretary to the committees of the board of supervisors. I do so with a feeling of deep regret, seeing that it means an end of our very pleasant association which has existed uninterruptedly for nine months. In that time I have developed a very sincere and abiding regard for you, and were it not for more or less imperious personal considerations, I could ask for nothing which would give me more pleasure than to continue in this office to which you appointed me on January 14. I have found you to be so laudably courteous, so fair and true and constantly alert to be of public service that I cannot leave you now, part way in your promising administration, without a mingled feeling of regret and personal loss."

"I have felt your support behind me in all things I have done to establish a purchasing system for the city and county. In the thick of the opposition against such a system, you have held out unflinchingly in my behalf, realizing, I am quite sure, that what was being done was being done for the public weal. You have had implicit trust in me it seems. I have honored the trust and striven to justify it. Opposition Will Continue."

"There will always be some opposition to a purchasing department for Honolulu, one may rest assured. But I believe the bitterest, the most violent and scurrilous has passed. And yet it matters very little whether it has passed or not, remembering the courage of your trust and the honor of the members of the board of supervisors. With you and the supervisors ready to back me up for what is right and just, one can face the opposition in all its guises with a light heart."

"In the comparatively short time this department has existed I believe it has been demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt that the saving of public funds through it is immense. That the police department can buy automobiles out of its incidental fund is very significant. I should say, of the use of the saving. My reference to the police department is not made disparagingly. It is merely to illustrate my statement, and a statement made by Mr. Logan, chairman of the ways and means committee, that huge savings are being made all along the line by reason of the existence of a purchasing bureau."

"You may consider my resignation to take effect as of November 1. I set it at this date to give you ample time to select my successor in office. With best wishes to you and to the members of the board of supervisors, I have the honor of remaining, very sincerely yours, E. J. BOTTS."

Secretary George H. Mischler of Meriden was re-elected secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Order of Haregar in session at New Britain for the thirty-first time.

DIVINE SARAH JOINS SOCIETY FOR WELFARE OF ALL CRIPPLES

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The filing in the country clerk's office here of the certificates of election of the Cripples' Welfare Society disclosed a unique board of directors. In that all are cripples and all but two have only one leg. Charles Noel Douglas, a writer who has been a cripple for many years, is president of the society. Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt is first vice president, and Dr. William Sheldon Coons is second vice president. The society was organized for the purpose of supplying cripples with artificial legs, arms and appliances and obtaining for cripples employment for which they are best adapted.

CHARTER FIGHT CERTAIN; GREEN PLAYS MAJORITY

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the flying of kites are dealt with each in a separate detailed section.

As printed and ready to be submitted tonight, the majority report contains few important features which have not been discussed in the newspapers as the committee proceeded with its discussions. Provision is made for the election of the supervisors by district, for the election of a mayor, sheriff, superintendent of city works, city and county clerk, auditor, treasurer and attorney. The district magistrates are to be appointed by the mayor upon recommendations of the supervisors in the respective districts. It is this provision which has aroused the greatest condemnation among the advocates of elimination of partisan politics so far as possible from the city government. They declare that the plan is designed to build up a political machine.

Green's Criticism Emphatic.

Francis J. Green, the dissenting member of the committee, in his minority report, which will also be presented tonight, says in part:

"I am opposed to the adoption of the majority report of the committee of five on the organization of the governing body of the city of Honolulu, on the proposed method of dividing the city into wards, on the election of independent department heads and on the addition to the number of elective offices proposed thereby."

Experience has shown that democracy, as understood and practiced in this country, will accomplish more and make fewer mistakes in city government if the number of elective officers be small and the responsibility be concentrated in a few persons, and these directly responsible to the community as a whole. And also experience has shown that many of the worst forms of municipal extravagance and mismanagement can be checked by intelligent legislation, but such legislation must take cognizance of past mistakes in the form and powers of municipal government with its consequent abuse of political power and subordination of the public good to private interests."

The ward system, as proposed by the majority report, carries with it the most vicious element of American municipal government. I mean ward leaders and their system of unofficial patronage."

The ward system is the method of Tammany Hall reduced to its lowest terms in that it relies upon the creation and services of ward leaders for its continuance in power, and experience has shown that such services inevitably carry in their train a weakening of the political moral fibre of the community and a consequent political debacle."

I am opposed to the adoption of the majority report in that it carries with it an increase in the number of elective offices, and is consequently retrogressive and reactionary in principle."

If the experience of these past thirty years has demonstrated anything, it is that in order to secure the best results from the administration of a city government, the number of offices to be filled at each election should be few. The resulting "short ballot" as it has been called, may today be regarded as the keystone of an effective American city charter."

I am opposed to the adoption of the majority report in that it creates a new elective office, the "Superintendent of City Works."

The division of the city's activity which more nearly concerns all residents, taxpayers or not, is the engineering department. Upon the proper conduct of this department depends in a great part the physical well-being of the city and the contentment of the citizens."

The creation of an elective office to be in charge of this department is a subterfuge for placing it under the control of the professional politician and for making political influence, rather than professional ability, the requisite to office. I am opposed to more pie being placed on the pie counter."

These, then, are my grounds for non-concurrence in the majority report."

It is reactionary in that it advocates the adoption of the ward system, which has been tried and has always resulted in political demoralization."

It is reactionary in that it provides for an increase in the number of city officials to be elected and is thus directly contrary to the experiences resulting from the modern system of the short ballot."

It is a menace to the physical well-being of the city in that it places the public works of the community under political control."

As a basis for a new draft of a charter for the city and county of Honolulu, and as a minority report from the committee of five, I recommend:

Chapter I of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter II of the municipal research proposal.

The proposed act of W. C. Achi.

Chapter IV of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter V of the municipal research proposal.

REPORTED BERCHTOLD WILL REGAIN INFLUENCE



Count Leopold von Berchtold, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. He is now retired, but it is reported he is regaining influence at Vienna.

SUGAR EXPORTS FROM JAPAN.

(Extract from Japan Chronicle of July 6, by Consul General George H. Schildmore, Yokohama.)

Not only are Japanese exporters of sugar to China now exempt from any bad effects of the anti-Japanese boycott in China, but are materially benefiting therefrom. On the outbreak of the anti-Japanese movement, toward the end of March, Chinese dealers in sugar in Shanghai organized themselves into two opposing groups, northern and southern. The northern group resolved upon dealing solely in Hongkong sugar, to the absolute exclusion of Japanese sugar, and threw all manner of obstacles in the way of the southern group. The result was a complete stoppage of exports to China of Japanese sugar in April and May. Taking advantage of the scarcity of Japanese sugar on the Shanghai market, dealers belonging to the northern group pushed their sales as hard as they could, with the inevitable result that their stocks entirely ran out, while there was no hope of obtaining any large supply of Hongkong sugar."

At this psychological moment a fresh demand sprang up on the Shanghai and adjacent markets. The majority of the members of the northern group seceded and, going over to the side of the southern group, laid in stocks of Japanese sugar almost irrespective of quotations. For the last month, therefore, there has been a remarkable activity in exports from Japan; the Dai Nihon Seito Kaisha is said to have exported as much as 200,000 bags, while forward contracts for close on 100,000 bags were made elsewhere for August and September delivery at 12 yen (\$5.976) per bag, a figure unprecedentedly high. But for the anti-Japanese boycott, which eventually entailed extraordinary conditions on the China market, forward transactions would have been in the neighborhood of 9 yen (\$4.482). As it is, the market continues in an upward direction.—Consular Reports.

NAB OWNER OF OPIUM DEN WHERE LAU WAH WAS CAUGHT SMOKING

C. Ah Loong, Chinese, alleged to be proprietor of an opium "joint" in the rear of the Asahi theater in Maunaloa street, was arrested by U. S. Marshal J. J. Smiddy yesterday, on a charge of having opium in his possession and otherwise handling the poppy drug."

It was in Ah Loong's "joint" that the marshal and his deputy, Otto Heine, discovered Lau Wah, the federal court messenger, on Saturday afternoon. The officers kicked in the door and discovered Lau Wah in the act of getting off a bunk. Beside him was the opium pipe, still warm. In his left hand pocket was a small horn of opium."

Lau Wah today was released on bond in the sum of \$250. He waived examination before U. S. Commissioner George C. Curry and was bound over to the October term of the grand jury."

DAILY REMINDERS

To get value, sell it by auction! See auctioneer—Adv.

Round the island in auto, \$4.00. Lewis Stables, Phone 2141.—Adv.

Popular hats at popular prices. Latest styles now arriving at Milton & Parsons.—Adv.

The Goodwill, only exclusive corner shop in Honolulu; absolutely new 1915 models. Pantheon building.—Adv.

The story that the steamer Onoko might have been destroyed to prevent her cargo of wheat reaching the Allies was discredited in marine circles at Duluth, Minn.

Provided that, throughout the extracts from the municipal research proposal cited above, the words "City Manager" wherever occurring, be replaced by the words "Board of Supervisors" or "Head of Department" as may be consistent with the letter and spirit of the recommended Achi proposal dealing with the election, organization and duties of the elected board of supervisors and the other elected officers of the city, the mayor and the auditor.

Love's Bakery

SAYS PRESIDENT FAVORS TARIFF REVISION SOON

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income tax either by raising the rate or reducing the exemption.

Mr. Wilson also has been giving his attention to the question of the establishment of a tariff commission which is being urged anew by Republicans and Progressives as a means of removing the tariff from politics."

"It transpired during the day that the president expressed his views on this matter in a letter to former Gov. Cox of Ohio, who wrote to Mr. Wilson proposing the creation of a tariff commission. Mr. Cox is a Democrat and in his letter he expressed the views of a vast number of Ohio Democrats whose advocacy of a tariff commission was a conspicuous feature of the political developments of the last Congress. Wilson's Letter."

"President Wilson's reply to Mr. Cox, hitherto unpublished, follows: The White House, Washington, Aug. 27, 1915."

My Dear Governor: I sincerely appreciate your letter of August 24. The matter of which it speaks has been very much in my mind and my thought is this: The full powers of a tariff commission are already lodged in existing organs of the government; most of them, and really more than the former commission had, in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce and others (powers of investigation chiefly) in the hands of the new Federal Trade Commission. Perhaps it would be better if these various powers were assembled in the hands of one bureau or department, but aside from that I think the machinery exists for a thoroughly scientific treatment of tariff questions. If anything is lacking to give these powers efficiency, I am, of course, heartily in favor of doing it."

Please accept my warmest regards and much sincere appreciation of your interesting letter. Cordially and sincerely yours, (Signed) WOODROW WILSON."

"Some of the president's advisers are opposed to any tinkering with the tariff at a session which will adjourn upon the eve of the presidential election. They fear that the animosities invariably engendered by the overhauling of the tariff would spell the ruin of the Democratic party at the polls. Southern Sugar Men Busy."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune of September 23 gives news of the fight on behalf of sugar that will be of particular interest to Hawaii. The noted southern paper says:

GOV. HALL URGED TO SEE PRESIDENT IN SUGAR'S BEHALF

Using the long distance telephone and backing up the swift means of communication with a special delivery letter in which a full presentation of the urgency of the cause was made, representative men of the city have requested Gov. Hall to hasten to Washington and bring to bear on President Wilson the influence necessary to save the sugar industry of Louisiana. Porto Rico's Work."

"The sugar men were aroused to the need of prompt action in the situation by a Washington despatch in The Times-Picayune Wednesday, telling of the activities of Arthur Yager, governor of Porto Rico, in the interests of the planters of that island. Mr. Yager, it was said, visited the President and expressed the hope that the sugar provision of the tariff law would not go into effect next April, as planned. He held that it would do great harm in Porto Rico, and that a postponement of its effective date would be of much assistance to the planters."

"Louisiana planters hold that as Porto Rico is urging its claims to assistance from the Federal government it is time for Louisiana to do the same thing. The planters believe that Gov. Hall, as the state's chief executive, is the proper official to represent Louisiana's vast sugar interests in the appeal to the President for a postponement of the sugar clause of the tariff law."

Louisiana May Not Plant.

"Unless the Louisiana planters receive some assurance that the sugar provision of the tariff law will not go into effect next April, there will be no planting of sugar in Louisiana in 1916. This was the statement made by one of the representative sugar men of New Orleans Wednesday."

"The planting for the 1916 crop would represent an expenditure of \$6,000,000, and if the sugar provision of the tariff law is to go into effect in 1916, we might as well take our \$6,000,000 and throw it into the river, as use it for planting," he said. Senator Randall Leads Fight."

"Senator Randall is making preparations to take up the fight of the sugar men of Louisiana in Washington. Friday morning at 9 o'clock there will be an important preliminary conference of the Louisiana sugar men in one of the private rooms of the Grunewald Hotel. At the conference Senator Randall will meet the planters from all over Southern Louisiana and discuss with them the best means to take in the campaign that probably will be made this winter."

"While no plans have as yet been made for a visit of Gov. Hall to Washington to confer with President Wilson on the sugar provision of the tariff law, it is understood the governor is ready and anxious to help the planters in the present emergency in every way possible."

Miss Alice Wilson of Baltimore, niece of President Wilson, is expected to make her debut at the White House next winter."

Wages of the employees of the Kelly-Springfield Motor Truck Co. plant at Springfield, O., were increased 10 per cent.

Light Side of Police Court Scenes

More than 100 times Jack No. 1, a black-skinned Fiji Islander, has appeared in the security of the Honolulu jail to sleep off a drunk. Probably this is the world's record for successive incarcerations. Jack bears his honors modestly—almost unconsciously.

Saturday as he sat for the one hundredth plus time in the prisoner's box, he looked like some unfortunate who had been through all the battles of the great war. Over his left eye is a great swelling that looks as if it had risen under the blift of a heavy club, but it is only a natural growth of the skull bone. His eyes are so deep sunken and the whites so darkly discolored, that you have to look twice to see them at all. When his lower lip falls loosely away from his teeth and then the spectator begins to cast anxious eyes at the nearest door. But Jack is not at all vicious, as everyone in the station agrees. He is a hard worker and the Inter-Island Company consider him one of their best sailors. But Jack has an unfortunate liking for hot liquor. Some kind-hearted policeman always gathers Jack into the fold and he is held in jail until the next Inter-Island boat makes port, when he reports for duty and all is well again."

"He used to appear three times a week," said Clerk J. S. Nobria, "but recently he has been taking a big brace. Gradually his appearance has grown fatter and fatter."

MARCONI STATION IS "TUNING" WITH JAPAN WIRELESS EACH NIGHT

The announcement which comes to Honolulu in a cablegram to the Hawaii Shippin that the opening of the wireless service between Japan and Hawaii will be postponed until next year is news to W. P. S. Hawk, manager of the local office of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, according to a statement made by him today.

It is stated in the cablegram that changes are being effected in the antennae at the Japanese station, and that electrical engineering problems are being worked out which will necessitate a delay.

"This is the first I have heard of any proposed delay," said Manager Hawk. "I have heard, however, that it has been found necessary to make some additions to the antennae at the Japan station. The commercial traffic to Japan has not been opened yet. It was planned to do this on October 1, according to a report from Tokyo. We do not know just when the traffic will be opened."

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STORAGE

WE STORE EVERYTHING. CITY TRAMWAY COMPANY. PHONE 1001.

WEEKLY PRODUCE REPORT

By A. T. LONGLEY, Marketing Superintendent.

WEEK ENDING SEPT. 25, 1915.

HONOLULU WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Based by the Territorial Marketing Division.

Wholesale only.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Eggs, scarce. Demand good.

Island egg butter, lb., 25 to 26.

Fresh island eggs, doz., 55.

Duck eggs, doz., 45.

POULTRY.

Bronze, 2 to 3 lbs., 25 to 27.

Young roosters, 25 to 27.

Hens, in good condition, 25 to 27.

Turkeys, lb., 25 to 27.

Ducks, Muscovy, lb., 25 to 27.

Ducks, Pekin, lb., 25 to 27.

Ducks, Hawaiian, doz., 25 to 27.

VEGETABLES AND PRODUCE.

Beans, string, green, lb., 20 to 22.

Beans, string, wax, lb., 20 to 22.

Beans, Lima, in pod, lb., 20 to 22.

Beans, dry, 20 to 22.

Maize, red, cwt., 20 to 22.

Maize, white, cwt., 20 to 22.

Maize, yellow, cwt., 20 to 22.

Peas, dried, cwt., 20 to 22.

Peas, green, cwt., 20 to 22.

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